

In general I agree with the NPRM with the following two exceptions:

1. Permitting Auxiliary Control on the 2 meter band. I feel this would be a VERY bad idea. The assertion that the 2 meter band is "not heavily used" is absurd - it is clearly the most crowded band in amateur radio. Kenwood should just put the effort into getting a handheld radio to work with their Sky Command that utilizes other bands such as 220MHz and 1.2 GHz - bands already approved for Auxiliary Control.

2. Spread Spectrum below 420MHz. Although I can see some benefit to allowing Spread Spectrum in the 222-225 MHz band, which would improve utilization of that band, I strongly disagree with it's usage on the 2 meter and 6 meter bands. Use on the 2 meter band would further crowd that band and we don't need it. Use on the 6 meter band would cause unwanted interference on that band during the unpredictable propagation enhancement times.